

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 15-10

**REVOCATION OF OCEAN TRANSPORTATION INTERMEDIARY
LICENSE NO. 017843 – WASHINGTON MOVERS, INC.**

**OCTOBER 3, 2016, ORDER FOR WASHINGTON MOVERS TO
SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD**

In an earlier order, respondent Washington Movers, Inc. (Washington Movers) was ordered to supplement the record by identifying who signed its tax return for the year 2013.

Although [the Bureau of Enforcement] did not ask for 2013 returns, as stated at the March 23, 2016, hearing, the undersigned is interested in knowing who signed Washington Movers' 2013 income tax returns, which presumably were signed some time in 2014, after Sam Ghanem was arrested and indicted, but long before his trial. Therefore, on or before August 9, 2016, Washington Movers is ordered to supplement the record by responding to the following:

1. Identify the person who signed the federal and state income tax returns for Washington Movers for 2013. If Washington Movers contends that it was a person other than Sam Ghanem, Washington Movers is ordered to serve and file copies of the cover page and the signed signature page of Washington Movers' federal and state tax returns for 2013.

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On August 9, 2016, Washington Movers responded to the order by identifying Sam Ghanem as the person who signed Washington Movers' tax return for 2013. (Respondent's Supplemental Responses to the Bureau of Enforcement's Discovery Requests (filed August 9, 2016) at 1.) Another order was then issued requiring Washington Movers to supplement the record.

9. Washington Movers states that Sam Ghanem signed federal and state income tax returns for tax year 2013 on behalf of Washington Movers, Inc. (Respondent's Supplemental Responses to the Bureau of Enforcement's Discovery Requests (filed August 9, 2016) at I.)

A. On what date or dates did Sam Ghanem sign the tax returns for tax year 2013?

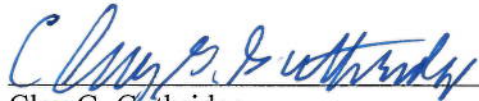
Revocation of Ocean Transportation Intermediary License No. 017843 – Washington Movers, Inc., FMC No. 15-10 (ALJ Sept. 12, 2016) (Order for Washington Movers to Supplement the Record). Washington Movers responded: "ANSWER: Washington Movers does not know when Sam Ghanem signed the tax returns. Washington Movers assumed that Mr. Ghanem signed those tax returns as he was an owner of the company in 2013." (Response to the Honorable Clay G. Guthridge's Order to Supplement the Record (filed September 28, 2016).)

As stated in the July 27, 2016, Order:

[T]he identity of the person who signed the [2103] tax return[] is probative of "the extent of Sam Ghanem's current involvement with the company." *Revocation of Ocean Transportation Intermediary License No. 017843 – Washington Movers, Inc., FMC No. 15-10*, slip op. at 9 (FMC Feb. 12, 2016) (Order Regarding Preliminary Issues).

Revocation of Ocean Transportation Intermediary License No. 017843 – Washington Movers, Inc., FMC No. 15-10, Order at 4 (ALJ July 27, 2016) (Partial Ruling on BOE's Discovery Motion Filed June 13, 2016, and Order to Supplement the Record). Although presumably the 2013 tax return was signed "some time in 2014, after Sam Ghanem was arrested and indicted," *id.*, "presumably" may not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that Sam Ghanem signed the 2013 Washington Movers tax return in 2014. Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that on or before October 17, 2016, Washington Mover serve and file copies of the cover page and the signed signature page of Washington Movers' federal and state tax returns for 2013. The procedure for obtaining a copy of the federal return from the Internal Revenue Service is set forth in the July 27, 2016, Order.


Clay G. Guthridge
Administrative Law Judge